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Education May Demoralize Reds

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WASHINGTON — The Kremlin may be acting out one of the greatest ironies of history.

The tool it is using to move in front of the world technological race may prove instead to be the fifth column that democratizes its tyranny.

That tool is education. It may even bring peace nearer, whether or not it has any bearing on world leadership in the nuclear arms race. No less an authority than Allen W. Dulles, director of the Central Intelligence Agency, thinks there is a chance that things will turn out this way. That somehow an educated Russian people, already peace-loving for the most part, will bring the Kremlin under a system of checks and balance.

Dulles, brother of Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, says the Soviet's rush to educate the great majority of its youth represents, for the men in the Kremlin, a great and calculated risk.

The CIA chief predicts that the program will, or at least should, bring in its train "increased expectations" on the part of the educated.

"No matter how much the Soviet can condition a man's mind and control his destiny," Dulles says, "the state cannot in the end prevent a human being with education and with outlook to a broader world from exercising a greater critical sense."

Hence, adds Dulles, the Communists' program may culminate in an evolution of Soviet law and legal procedures.

We may now be on the threshold, he says, of greater professional, cultural and scientific contact with Russia. Meetings between leading lawyers of our world and theirs may come. If so, Dulles says, we need not do any proselytizing.

"Let them," suggests Dulles, "see the fruits of a society where law is based on the maintenance of human dignity. Let them contrast that with a system where law is the arm of repressive government."

Dulles pointed out in a recent talk at a Georgian law school that CIA gives highest priority to intelligence related to Red-dominated areas of the world.

It is important, he said, to know when the Communist countries act or react as they do, what motives them in approaching the decisions they make, and what are the philosophical, temperamental and even the legalistic bases for their action.

Dulles says that many of our mistakes in judging the Red world are rooted in the fact that we assume Communists react as we do—that they judge events as we do and even give the same meaning to words as we do. Such is not the case.

When a Free Worlder speaks to a Red Worlder, Dulles says, the words they use have totally different meanings. For example, to the Communists "democratic state" means a state which controls every detail in the life of the people, supposedly in the interest of what they call the proletariat. Here the term, Dulles notes, means—as Lincoln put it—"... of the people, by the people, and for the people."

"Free elections" in Soviet parlance means the right to vote—but only for Communist nominees. Mutual security and non-aggression likewise are given meanings that the free world wouldn't recognize. And even these meanings are subject to change to fit the Soviet's requirements.

On top of that, says Dulles, the USSR has secret law and secret police to guard the state's security. The name of the organ through which law and police function has been changed often. It began as CHECKA, later became OGPU then MVD. MVD still exists, but its secret police powers largely have shifted to a new agency KGB.

Dulles concludes that we'd be foolish to reject any Soviet moves which might enlarge the area of contact. He says we should be foolish to relax as long as the present Soviet system remains